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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Alexander O. Williams

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 06 January 2005.
- 2a) ☒ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-17 and 25-30 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-17 and 25-30 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 1/6/05 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

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Examiner: Alexander Williams

Applicant's Amendment filed 1/6/05 to the election of Group I (claims 1 to 17), filed 7/22/04, has been acknowledged.

Claims 18-24 have been canceled.

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains.

Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Initially, and with respect to claims 1, 3, 4, 13 and 29, note that a "product by process" claim is directed to the product per se, no matter how actually made, In re Hirao, 190 USPQ 15 at 17 (footnote 3). See also In re Brown, 173 USPQ 685; In re Luck, 177 USPQ 523; In re Wertheim, 191 USPQ 90 (209 USPQ 554 does not deal with this issue); In re Fitzgerald, 205 USPQ 594, 596 (CCPA); In re Marosi et al., 218 USPQ 289 (CAFC); and most recently, In re Thorpe et al., 227 USPQ 964 (CAFC, 1985) all of which make it clear that it is the final product per se which must be determined in a "product by process" claim, and not the patentability of the process, and that, as here, an old or obvious product produced by a new method is not patentable as a product, whether claimed in "product by process" claims or not. Note that Applicant has burden of proof in such cases as the above case law makes clear.

Claims 1 to 17 and 25 to 30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Chiu (U.S. Patent # 6,228,679 B1).

In claim and similar claim 29, for example, Chiu (**figures 1 to 13**) specifically **figures 1, 2 and 6** show an assembly **10** comprising a substrate **12**, an integrated circuit device **16**

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adapted to be electrically and mechanically attached to the substrate and having a bottom surface and a side surface, electrically conductive connecting elements **22** between the device and the substrate that electrically connect the device and the substrate, and at least one adhesive body (**15 between 14 and 18**) positioned between the integrated circuit device and the substrate to form a connection between the circuit device and the substrate, said at least one adhesive body comprising a non-thermosetting material (**see column 4, lines 40-51**) which, when heated, releases said connection to allow removal of the circuit device from the substrate, the at least one adhesive body being in contact with said bottom surface and said side surface of the integrated circuit device.

2. The assembly as set forth in claim 1, Chiu show wherein said non-thermosetting material comprises a thermoplastic polymer.

5. The assembly as set forth in claim 1, Chiu show wherein said at least one adhesive body **15** is positioned at a peripheral edge of the integrated circuit device.

6. The assembly as set forth in claim 5, Chiu show wherein said circuit device has corners and the adhesive bodies are located at said corners.

7. The assembly as set forth in claim 1, Chiu show wherein said at least one adhesive body has a substantially spherical shape.

8. The assembly as set forth in claim 1, Chiu show wherein said at least one adhesive body comprises four adhesive bodies.

9. The assembly as set forth in claim 1, Chiu show wherein said integrated circuit device **16** is a chip package.

10. The assembly as set forth in claim 1, Chiu show wherein said integrated circuit device **16** is a multi-chip module.

11. The assembly as set forth in claim 1, Chiu show wherein said integrated circuit device **16** has a bottom surface with four corners and said at least one adhesive body **15** is located approximately equidistant from adjacent corners in contact with the bottom surface of the circuit device

12. For example, Chiu (**figures 1 to 13**) specifically **figures 1 and 2** show an assembly comprising: a substrate **12**, an integrated circuit device **16** adapted to be electrically and mechanically attached to the substrate and having a bottom surface and a side surface, electrically conductive connecting elements **22** between the device and the substrate that electrically connect the device and the substrate, and at least two adhesive bodies (**15 between 14 and 18**) comprising a non-thermosetting material positioned between the integrated circuit device and the substrate to form a releasable connection **15**

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between the circuit device and the substrate, the at least one adhesive body being in contact with said bottom surface and said side surface of the integrated circuit device.

14. The assembly as set forth in claim 12, Chiu show wherein said at least two adhesive bodies **15** are spaced apart to form an open space between the adhesive bodies.

15. The assembly as set forth in claim 12, Chiu show wherein said at least two adhesive bodies **15** are positioned at a periphery of the integrated circuit device .

16. The assembly as set forth in claim 12, Chiu show wherein said integrated circuit device **16** has corners and the at least two adhesive bodies **15** comprise four adhesive bodies positioned at said corners.

16. The assembly as set forth in claim 12, Chiu show wherein said integrated circuit device **1** has corners and the at least two adhesive bodies **15** comprise four adhesive bodies (**one 15 can be the four**) positioned at said corners.

17. The assembly as set forth in claim 12, Chiu show wherein said at least two adhesive bodies **15** comprise a thermoplastic polymer.

As to the grounds of rejection under section 103, see MPEP § 2113.

Response

Applicant's arguments filed 1/6/05 have been fully considered, but are moot in view of the new grounds of rejections detailed above.

The insertion of Applicant's additional claimed language, for example, "claims 1,12 and new claims 29-30" cause for further search and consideration to make this action final.

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new grounds of rejection. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See M.P.E.P. § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR RESPONSE TO THIS FINAL ACTION IS SET TO EXPIRE THREE MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS ACTION. IN THE EVENT A FIRST RESPONSE IS FILED WITHIN TWO MONTHS OF THE MAILING DATE OF THIS FINAL ACTION AND THE ADVISORY ACTION IS NOT

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The listed references are cited as of interest to this application, but not applied at this time.

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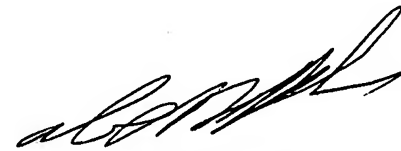
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Alexander O Williams whose telephone number is (571) 272 1924. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 6:30AM - 7:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nathan Flynn can be reached on (571) 272 1915. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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